Nominee

CLINTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Newark 8 New Jersey

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The Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council is a means of vigorous self-expression for citizens striving to improve a neighborhood in transition. Through the council, people whose communication is limited by religious, social, and racial differences have developed mutual respect and community spirit, while exploring solutions to common problems. An imaginative program has transformed the morale and perspective of an aging neighborhood.

During the past year the council -

1) led a successful movement for city acquisition of a large vacant tract for recreational use;
2) enlisted broad, grass roots participation in an Urban Renewal pilot program in a 14-block area;
3) tackled everyday problems in health, sanitation, housing, safety, and zoning through numerous block branches ~~through~~ in which members learned techniques of leadership and self-help for community betterment;

4) sponsored a bus trip to Philadelphia to study housing, recreation, and Urban Renewal;
5) held a second annual roundtable conference which explored aspects of neighborhood-wide planning;
6) organized an unprecedented Halloween Parade attended by 5,000 people;
7) encouraged the formation of non-partisan, voluntary community councils in the vicinity.

Council experience has brought to residents, first, renewed faith in their capacity to build an inclusive community out of the complex problems of a changing urban neighborhood, and, second, the understanding that transition can mean movement toward a better neighborhood.

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